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Dear Mayor Weinberger,

I am writing to tender my resignation as director of the Community and Economic Development Office, effective May 6, 2016.

As you know from our March 17, 2016 conversation, I had planned to conclude my service as CEDO director at the end of my current appointment term, on June 30, 2016, due to the on-going stress of being separated from my family. However, given the recent public attention regarding an unresolved personal matter about the housing and welfare of an elderly woman in San Francisco, I have decided to accelerate my departure. No matter the resolution of this issue, any perception that I am not fully committed to CEDO's mission prevents me from continuing to be an effective leader and from advancing our mutual commitment to foster a livable, vibrant, and equitable Burlington community for all.

It is important to me that you and all the citizens of Burlington know that I have always cared deeply about the welfare of Iris Canada. I remain committed to resolving this issue in a manner that protects Iris and preserves the intent of the life estate rights we granted her in 2005.

I will always cherish our time together and the work we have accomplished. I will dearly miss the incredible CEDO staff and the entire city team I have worked with over the past four years.

Thank you for the opportunity to serve this wonderful community.

Sincerely,

Peter Owens